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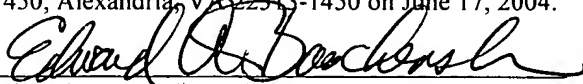
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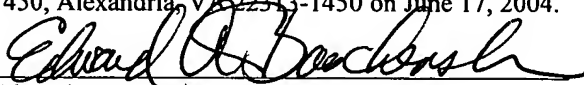
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number										Kind Code (click here)	Patent Issue Date OR US App. Pub. Date OR US Non-Published Application Filing Date	Name
	US	6	4	4	6	5	8	0				09/10/2002	Franke et al.
	US	5	6	6	2	0	7	0				09/02/1997	Kastner et al.
	US	4	9	8	7	8	6	2				01/29/1991	Wittchow et al.
	US	3	1	3	3	5	2	8				05/19/1964	Litwinoff
	US	6	5	3	0	4	2	1				03/11/2003	Filius et al.
	US	5	8	0	6	4	7	0				09/15/1998	Konishi et al.
	US	5	3	4	1	7	6	9				08/30/1994	Ueno et al.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : F22B 15/00

US CL : 122/235.17, 367.3, 6A; 165/175, 184

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 122/1B, 6A, 235.14, 235.15, 235.17, 235.23, 367.1, 367.3, 406.4; 165/174, 175, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,446,580 A (FRANKE et al) 10 September 2002, Figs. 1-2.	1-4, 6-7, 8-10, 12-13, 14-18
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X	US 4,987,862 A (WITTCHOW et al) 29 January 1991, Figs. 1-6.	1-4, 6-7, 8-10, 12-13, 14-18
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